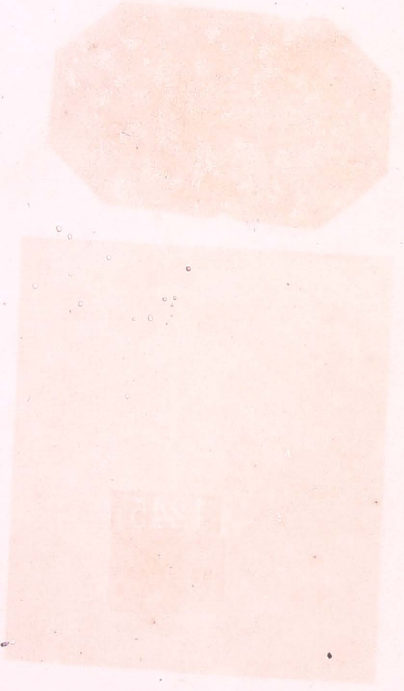

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Letter to the Board
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Proceedings of the Ramzherry
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General No 19608

William Petrie Esqr

President & Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

Para 1 In transmitting my proceedings of the [illegible] investigation — I shall first state the way in which I thought it best to conduct it and then by referring you to particularly thereof and to other accompanying papers, endeavour to show by what means the Pattern of that Cotton was obtained for Patterns being in the 1st — 1792

2. Knowing the inclination of the inhabitants of the [illegible] to withhold [illegible] cause of [illegible] being [illegible] inclined to [illegible] as much as possible — [illegible] Hindus had long [illegible] Omarsa Alagoo [illegible] the servants [illegible] to stay with him — and in

vide his letter to the Board 30 Novr. 94 — 12 Para

[illegible]mitted to the
Board by Mr Henders
20th Oct. 99—

my arrival at Bandi[illegible] the
beginning of last month
I [illegible] the [illegible]
the headmen curnums and others,
who had before given evidence
to Capt. [illegible] - to meet me
at Voramandoor on the 15th
but without telling them
for what — ~~[illegible]~~ Upon Datty Sheh
Datty and others whose Decla-
-rations were given in Novem-
ber had been kept in
confinement ~~but~~ [illegible]
Immediately on my arrival
at Voraswndoor, I had them
[illegible] over the head-
-quarters to prevent any
one speaking to them, or
their consulting among them-
-selves — even the Pedanna
and some other Conspirators I also
placed Peons, to prevent
the possibility of their having any
communication either with the
people in the Pollam, or those
without —

3 The Proceedings will [illegible]
that every Person exam[illegible]

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separately examined - the
Questions I asked myself -
~~[illegible]~~ and wrote down, their
answers, as they were given,
in English - a Moonshee at
the same time writing them
in Malabars - Everyone
so examined was brought
a part from the others and
allowed to communicate
with none till the whole
and deposed ~~were examined~~ - which
done, the Depn. of each
man was read over to him -
and this measure I was the more
induced to, because the time
in question having happened
two years ago, it was probable
some of ~~them~~ Deponents might unin-
tentionally either mistake
some matters or forget others,
both which, were As far as they
involuntarily
is given [illegible] them, there [illegible]
criminally & voluntarily
will ~~always [illegible]~~ [illegible]
The Depositions when read
over and admitted to be as
[illegible] were attached [illegible] Depo-
which
sent, with them, to the

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Pagoda — where ~~they~~ signed
their respective ~~dep~~ depositions —
and swore to the truth thereof
before me ~~and~~ and three other
witnesses whose names are
mentioned at the end of the Proceedings

§4 The same mode was ob-
-served with all others who
gave their depositions or
Declarations — those who gave
the latter — and particularly
the Brahmins and Pattars,
of the other Muncheri
Pollams, who had before given
evidence in this business,
were merely desired to sit
down and write what they
knew, stating their reason
at the same time for acting
as they had ~~done~~

§5 The Genealogical Table
here with transmitted,
is the result of strict enquiry
from the people who have signed
it — and who being the
oldest and most intelli-
-gent People of the [illegible]
thought best qualified

~~in which I was required by the~~
~~table sent to your Board by the~~
~~Brahmins and those sent to my~~
~~Gentleman by the Resident~~

to give evidence on the
subject— 5 5

6 The Depositions of each Com-
-tained in Nos [illegible] separately
and those of the whole jointly
that it was ~~by~~ the Mulatto
and cruelly ~~made~~ of the Sea Isles, ~~after~~
had confined and cruelly treat-
-ed nearly all the Company
of the Old [illegible] [illegible] having
together with himself and all his family
and many of the head inha-
-bitants, who had also taken ~~had induced them~~
into his [illegible] 200 [illegible]
of whom he saved [illegible] One
the [illegible]
besides those of the [illegible] and
what assistance [illegible] might
have been sent them from
the neighbouring Citizens ~~that~~
induced them, ~~[illegible]~~ they did
to give the evidence, ~~[illegible]~~
~~which [illegible] to have been dictated~~
~~to them by the [illegible]~~
to Capt. Gask and
~~[illegible]~~ but to screen
to the truth thereof ~~of [illegible]~~
given to Capt. Gask or
his [illegible] to them [illegible]

Canterbury
[illegible]
Sarah

vide No. in ~~[illegible]~~
papers referred to—

Vide Declarations of
Pedro Pilly
John Pilly
Rammawny Iyen
Moonesawmy Moodely
Comar Alagoo Thever
Gabriel Innaut Pilly
L 221

The Declarations of the Coligars, who were in the Seeu Rangi's service, clearly shew— that ~~in the first~~ ~~place~~— the greater part of them were confined and otherwise ill treated by him, and afterwards by threats and persuasions, induced as the only means, obtaining their release, and saving themselves and their little all, to side with and assist him, in furthering a design, the injustice ~~&tatane~~ and immorality of which they appear to have been so fully sensible of at the time—

27 As the power of the Seeu Rangi to treat the Peadaun=cars, Coligars and others ~~even~~ the old Poligar's family— so barbarously as he appears, by their Depositions and Declarations

to have done

may be doubted— or as it may be asked why these people it they did.

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themselves injured, did
not either individually
or in a body state their
grievances to Capt. Gibb.
when he went to [illegible]
or to the Collector at Hav-
-ana. — I beg leave to call
the attention of your Hon
to parts of the ~~last~~ forming proc-
-eedings in this business
which will, in my opinion
fully evince — that no exertion
whatever of theirs, could
(conducted as things were) have
obtained them permanent
relief — and that the Gov-
ernor, invested as he was
with absolute power, in
a dispute where his own
son was one of the Contri-
butors, might not only have
easily controverted all their
united efforts; but even have
committed more nefarious
acts than he did — and accom-
-plished his end not-
-with ~~standing~~ — Dispen-
sing passing the ~~[illegible]~~
~~having before [illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ in the manner
the Gov. having leading

1st Declaration of [illegible]
— The Widow's Deposition
[illegible] — ditto
[illegible] — ditto
[illegible] Esq.
[illegible] ditto
[illegible]

Vide Oath from Mother
...ara Dilly to the Collector
...f [illegible]malley No. 3. in
... sundry papers referred to

Vide 6 Copy of
Valli Dilly's Declara
...transmitted 20th December
tion and of Anna=
=Dilly's Declaration
...the Proceedings
Vide Enclosures in Mr Jackson's
letter of 26th Febry 96.

entertained upwards of
two hundred peons many
of whom had served under Frenatoways Cont
Govr. with others ~~[illegible]~~ This good what
he got from the Moor Dobes for
services performed to him of the year
was enabled to overawe the ~~[illegible]~~
inhabitants of the Pollam
till Sawmy Naig's death
when this event was first known
At Ramnad it appears the
Collector enquired ~~of the abode~~
the right of succession from
the Bramahony Cachari and
was told that [illegible] Tombe
had been held by Sawmy Naig
as his successor — The sub=
=sequent information trans=
=mitted by the Actor of the Ama=
=ldar entirely raised
a strong doubt as to the right of
succession; and the Collector
in his letter of the 10th to [illegible]
says "he cannot certainly
an opinion on the merits
of the matter; till he obtains
of information which shall
enable him to do so" Notwith-
=standing this only six Days
afterwards in which time
no further information
~~had~~ been received, I perceive

24th Febry 98

order enclosure in Mr Jackson's letter of this date

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the Sea Naig any inhabitant in the Managers of the very Pollam for the protection of which the ... contending for his own the Cuddalore Poligar - the ... ubation of the deceased ... Naig, was forbid at ... to interfere in the succession and on the very same day - the papers of information, which six days before the Collector did not consider sufficient to form an opinion on - are forwarded to your Board with a decided opinion in favour of Buttumnahais -

Vide Mr Jackson's letter and enclosure 24 Febry 1800

(3) On the 22 May I find ~~an~~ ~~strict order~~ sent to the Cuddalore Poligar ordering him to desist ~~from~~ a Procla-mation was sent at the agreeable to the Sea Naig's request, to the Inhabitants of Mangheery, ordering them to remain quiet in the Pollam and threatening any person with rigorous punishment who ~~should~~ should disturb the Peace thereof

No 112

Vide No ~~[illegible] papers~~ among the Sundry ~~[illegible]~~ papers referred to ~~[illegible]~~ were found among the records transmitted to me from Madras

+9 Strengthened in the Sierra
Leone hands some by their orders
what lengths will he not
have gone ~~not~~ — ~~en~~ with the
inhabitants, situated as
they were, under his ab-
-solute authority in Sierra,
and threatened at the same
time by the Collector if any
one disturbed the peace of
the country — expects to obtain
justice, by relating their
grievances to any persons
at that time authorised
to hear them ——

Notwithstanding the
information which Govern=
why the Governor Ludlam an
the only one related to Sierra
Leone — should have been so
positively ordered to refrain himself ~~not to~~ inter-
-fere in the affairs of Sham-
-brong — why he should
be told that he had no business
to offer an opinion on the
subject, or to call in question
the conduct of the Sierra Leone
and here attended with the

belief of his Dobhash being

further complaints were tendered against him in the business, why the other [illegible] of the Sera Nairs - or his com= =plaints against these Poligar - or even the infor= =mation transmitted by the Managers of his conduct, should have been so con= =fidently relied on - or more particularly - why the Cad[illegible] man's story should not have been listened to - and an enquiry into the truth or falsity thereof instituted - as justice to all parties demanded.

[illegible] astonished to I am at a loss to conjecture as ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] = ently inexplicable.

(10) The conduct of the Colleeum Poligar was certainly very natural - his answer to the Collector's position and ~~[illegible]~~ injunctions because [illegible] delivering from of common justice

a (Especially come through the channel of the Sera Nairs creatures)

which was corroborated by the widow's evidence given to Syed Ameen on his first journey to Ram= =shivary - by the information he also received from the Gum= =orant [illegible] on his return & the information from them [illegible] and more particularly by that brought to him by the people he sent in disguise into the Pollam - which was after the [illegible] had [illegible] and cruelly was entitled to some belief

* Ord. No. 3 in the return abs of 23d March

were perfectly out in their
their narration of the [illegible]
conducted of saving my [illegible]
~~[illegible]~~ intentions — were plain
void of all guile or deceit —
no letter superscribed where
therein written, or one ~~[illegible]~~
or word or syllable more than is now, either
to be the only ~~[illegible]~~ part —
written therein, yet nothing he said was ~~[illegible]~~ intended and
he was even reprimanded
for relating what he knew
of the matter. The evidence
of all the other Officers
[illegible] was taken in favor
of [illegible] [illegible] and #
(Master [illegible] being the only
person who showed the
designs of the [illegible]
~~was certain~~ because the
only one saw the Emigrants
Negroes) who was able — it
was evidently, to the [illegible] his intent,
[illegible] and he knew it) for he had
abilities to carry any villany
into effect) to prevent

afterwards when the Assistant
Collector went to them who he
with the declarations of the (17)
Judge are themselves to the
same effect. —

These Declaratory ~~[illegible]~~ I believe were
never ~~[illegible]~~ settled ~~to your~~
~~[illegible]~~ — I found them among
the Records sent to me from
[illegible] &c.

if possible ~~the~~ ~~an~~ inter-

13 -ference in any way —

there the cause of his prose-

-cuting this man as Indi-

the ~~and~~ discontented of the

Myots of the Rum & having

Bottom caused really by the Lieu

Craig's ship whose conduct was

attributed by him to the inter-

-ference of Another Craig & his

representations were taken in fact - without

any consideration being given

to what appeared against

them - Another has been

ordered ~~to~~ his herit to desist

desist ~~from~~ which the Lieu

Craig was informed, and ~~and~~

thence the unceasing com-

-plaints he made against

that man, because he

found it a productive fund

12) This however is not all

for the man of the mean

was attempted — One

~~Dan~~ of the Dalhous

Translation of an Oath

[illegible] and Sycheg Umbra
found in the Sea Naig's
house and transmitted to your hono
-by Mr Hendis the end of January last ~~[illegible]~~, a conversation bet-
-ween the Ramshaving
Vackeel and Thiruga Deby
~~[illegible]~~ respecting
the right of ~~the C[illegible]~~
2 Mootia Naig to his own
Pollam is mentioning,
& of whose family a Genea-
=logical Table, afterwards the present Dobash was their
delivered at Ramnad ~~and~~
a copy of which Mr Babbons
Acoorus when he came to
Manahar in July 86. brought with him and
at which time it appears all the
Manahar Poligars did,
at the instigation of the
Sea Naig of Ramshaving
give their declarations
against the right of
Mootia Naig to his Puttam
and this because he had repre
=sented ~~to~~ the Sea Naig's infamous con-
-duct to the Collector, and en-
-treated that justice might
be done to the cause of ~~[illegible]~~
Vagora Naig —— Translate

Vide Declarations of
Totra Dely and Ezad
Ameern annexed
to the proceedings

hure / Declarations were found
more the words of the Dobash

Vide No. 42 & in Sundry
Papers referred to
before your Board by
the Collector of Demerara
&c

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[illegible]
to ~~any~~ of the Police ... De-
=clarations on this occasion
I now transmit herewith No.
= I believe they never were laid
the others are exactly to the
same effect - Then also
declarations of many persons
who were about the Sea [illegible]
stating that his sole reason and
=ing such a blow at Mootie's
[illegible], was because he had
endeavoured, tho in vain to
support Negroe Combe—
As the man is no more I shall
not trouble your Board with
them - I thought it right
to ascertain this fact that
your Board might be fully
informed on the Sea [illegible]
conduct in this contested
question

13 ~~13~~ Having thus Gentlemen
shewn what power was
thrown into the Sea [illegible]
hands by the immediate
order of the Collector, and
how he was supported against
the Cadmus's [illegible], when
representations were the
cause of bringing on these
[illegible] disputes were

of ~~the Carnam~~ [illegible]
Vacherlool. ~~the~~ ab they Dobeyars
and even the Dobeyars
themselves whom the
~~Buttons~~ the Assistant
Collector came to ~~[illegible]~~ Mamathey
gave their declarations in
favor of Buttina Lingu-
~~I shall now proceed to~~ show
and he exercised the authority
vested ~~in him~~ I shall
now ~~proceed~~ [illegible] to
shew that by means of the
authority vested in him, and
by bribery, he got his son
instated in a Collam, to
the right of which he
appears to have no shadow
of claim —

1st Tondaman being the
~~person~~ quarrel that which all in-
formation was to go. he
was first turned out by Tondaman [illegible]
about the 9t 97 when ~~he~~
he went to survey the country
of Paulaketty — at which
time it appears by the Deposition now given — having
been anxious to — and
Vagara Tomba — but the
~~were~~ already had taken

vide A throughout the Papers

vide: Deposition of the Widows

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Mr Carey 98

Vide B through=out these papers & those previously transmitted by Mr [illegible]

4 16
Vide 5 Dec.r of [illegible] [illegible] Cherokee's Declaration transmitted 30 Nov.r

gives
about the end of [illegible] to 3 Feby
Vide Dec.r 14 - & of [illegible] bound
in the Sea [illegible] [illegible]

5 a decisive [illegible] - and would
not admit of it. The [illegible]
was next sent to enquire
into the right of [illegible]
when he was promised a
Provincial [illegible] to authori-
the course of [illegible] [illegible]
what credit is to be given
to the Declaration taken at
this time from the [illegible]
of the country bound your [illegible]
be able to decide on your
after reading the proceedings
I have now the honor to
[illegible] [illegible] woman ~~lady~~ on the
(16) [illegible] [illegible]
arrival at [illegible] having
expressed a desire to receive
the favor of all the [illegible]
might naturally induce
the [illegible] [illegible] to authorise
that [illegible] [illegible]
that quarter would tend
to further the designs [illegible]
at the consultation of the
[illegible] Creeks and
[illegible] of the other Indians
near [illegible], it was
determined to give her

vide 5th Para ~~of~~ and Appen
Declaration transmitted

15 Being secure as he thought at the moment the Commissioners attention was much drawn, to examining the subject of [illegible] and the [illegible] Exchange — Hence the=
=ceiving two sums were made to many others, and the first two thousand Pagodas given to him, appears to have been returned, in consequence of the letter of information sent to the Collector of [illegible]=
=ad by Mr [illegible] the Declarations of persons noticed in the Margin evidently hence that he received the one thousand Pagodas after the contest was over — trusting that your Board will comply with the request contained in my letter of the 1st Inst to sending this man

one hundred and twenty Pagodas — and interest his assistance in settling the [illegible] business — that this money was given appears evident from evidence noticed in the Margin —.

(16) Again the favor of the Commandant and Syud [illegible], the [illegible] appears to have been very particular and anxious about and ~~them~~ from the corre=
=spondence taken in their that money having been given to the house — it appears, the [illegible] friends were confident of success when they heard of their being deputed to make the Enquiry —

(17) On the evidence given to Syud Ameen in the first place and to Capt [illegible] in the second — when they went to enquire into the result of suspicion [illegible] Pollam [illegible] remarks — from the letters of Mr Jackson and Capt

~~to~~ me — I shall forbear
for the present to enter
fully into this ~~matter~~ conduct
The Declaration of Jenkins
Brow Cato Jarvant &
Warren of Hammond, and
examination of William Wheatley
are acknowledgments of their
having received from the
Mears & Shang back sets to
nearly the exact amount
charged against them in
the Declarations and others
taken, already before your Board —
~~Comparing these [illegible]~~
~~am informed & already~~
~~confirmed by my judgement~~
~~wherein the Abr the~~
~~rests [illegible] the Collector~~
~~be informed me he cannot~~
~~have —~~

the Declarations of those
who were obliged to affix
~~and sign~~ their names as
~~real~~ Instruments

~~Epple~~ Shaver extracted ~~and~~
parts as seem to require
notice, ~~and~~ which with
my remarks thereon will
make a separate number
in these Documents —

19/~~2~~) The Proceedings I have
now the honor to transmit
will shew your Board from what
cause the Inhabitants
~~were~~ others induced to give the
evidence they did before —
the charge of highly coloured
a Warren's accusation of the
imperious conduct — and
has heard their real opinions, on the
intention of Saving him
previous to his death ~~and~~ that the
Prince at Accra
has been threatened most
of them with the severest
vengeance unless they gave
evidence in his favor that
he confirmed and otherwise
many had many and that
he obliged those less inha-
-bitants to appear and sign
their names as evidence —
-tory ones, who were ab-
-sent at the time of
[illegible]

That the Pee Nair-
ically did make oath
to Sawmy Naig Soucarion
(when he ~~went~~ went with the
Custom to Mamahoory)
that he considered Bagree
Combo as the Authorita to
succeed him (Sawmy Naig)
and that he should be so - is
clearly proved by the De-
-positions of all Parties pre-
-sent at the time ~~and~~ but par-
-ticularly by those of the Priests
of the Mamahoory and
Cadawoor Pagodas, who
administered the oaths
to him. That Bagree Combo
was afterwards delivered
over to him by Sawmy
Naig, who desired he might
be protected as being his
successor to the Authority, and
his orders ~~equally~~ impli-
-citly obeyed - is equally as
fully proved as it is that the Pee Nair
instead of complying with
these instructions - but
Bagree Combo in Prison
and the whole family.

+ and that he made the
same Oath to Mootoo
Naig when he went to
receive Ottam-sheroyee
from Cadawoor.

61st
(27) the whole of the Proceed
ings go to prove, that neither
Bagora Naig or Sultane
Naig were adopted previous
to Surong Naig's death,
but that Bagora Naig
was brought bred declared by him
to be his successor to the
Puttum — that he was
delivered over to the [illegible]
Naies and Muntrimars
as the ~~as [illegible] [illegible] intended~~
intended Puttecar, in which
light they all considered
him, and as they were
cannot be a [illegible]
[illegible] their carrying
and living at his left
on all Feast Days and
Holidays (Ulhur) or Fea-
=sts of birth — which com=
=pliments to any other than
the Puttabeshecar is not due
for this that Bagora Naig
was sent to visit Lord Hobart
as ~~[illegible]~~ being heir to the Zemin
is acknowledged by [illegible]
by ~~all~~ [illegible] [illegible]

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Vide Cummanna
Cr. Declaration

and others as it is that ~~he has been~~
Buttana haig
~~Cowasjee Sons~~ had no
shadow of claim to the
Dobtam —

22. No further comment
is necessary from me
on the baseness of the

23. Seraknaig conduct — the
Depositions and Declara-
-tions of the widows, Comar,
and Kantamcais fully
prove the severity of this
treatment to them res-
-pectively — and will
enable your Board to
judge of the whole transaction

and as the Declaration of ~~Seraknaig~~
Dalany Comar – the Seraknaig
slave to Provin. Bagria
Tombe —

most of them have certainly forsworn themselves
but situated as they were in the Seraknaig house, of
any real harm in so doing, their conscience entirely
acquit them – as much to the [illegible] who know the dis-
nature and customs of these natives – they argue thus
"It is true we did swear that Buttana haig was the right
"Puttacar – but at the time we did so our conscience told
"us that he was not, and that Bagria haig was – this our
"God can witness – nor will he in cur a where our very
"existence was at stake – Punish us for having so ab-
and here I beg to call the attention of your Board to the circum-
-stance of Coho being one of the Kantamcais – who when they
all wanted to swear, and the tobacco and water was given to him
cried out – "Bagria Tombe is the Puttacar" and ran off this
is corroborated by the Deposit of the Moonshee[illegible]

of the Natives under restraint

(29) The Depositions of the Doctor who attended Sam [illegible] will shew, that Sam [illegible] being sent in, once every four or five Days, under charge of the [illegible], to feel his Pulse — this was at no time after this allowed to ~~administer~~ attend him. It is also clear that [illegible] was [illegible] in this [illegible] and his death may certainly ~~may~~ be attributed to the severity with which the [illegible] has treated him — &

vide Proceedings

The Declarations of [illegible] [illegible] Thimmogum — [illegible] [illegible] or 2 [illegible] [illegible] shew from what motives they were induced to give evidence in favor of [illegible] — and corroborate so far as they ~~go~~ they go — every thing stated in the [illegible] ~~Deposition~~. The Declarations

Vide ~~Depositions~~ Declarations of Thimmogum Moodly & Deposition of [illegible]

Paper found in the
Late Rajahs house

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to the [illegible] of
the other Marawar
Pollams - shew that they
acted only under the orders
of their respective masters
not from any knowledge
of their own — and the Para-
-graphs [illegible] noted
in the Margin will tend
to prove the league which
the other Poligars themselves entered
into to support the late
Rajah - Another [illegible]
[illegible] the late [illegible] of
[illegible] who was a
principle actor in the
league, and much noticed
by the Late Rajah, is now
living in the Nabobs
own pay - I would not
therefore go to his evidence -
24 one of the blackest
acts in the whole of this
transaction is the manner
in which the Late Rajah
persecuted the families
of the unfortunate [illegible]
who had [illegible] attached to the
Nabobs [illegible]

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by Mr [illegible] 20 Decr 99 —

The Declarations of
[illegible] [illegible] and
Declaration of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] are with
Dates noticed
in the margin here-
with are [illegible] to him
that near eight hundred
[illegible] were sent to
[illegible] [illegible]
the Amsterdam of [illegible]
in the [illegible] [illegible]
for allowing the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] their [illegible]
[illegible] — but at 7
wherever the abominable
abettors villany of this
Deed, should be brought
home [illegible] [illegible], that
the abettors thereof may
meet a punishment
they deserve — Trust your
Board will interfere in
getting [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] deli-
vered over to me in
order that on my bringing
the [illegible] home [illegible]

or his proving his
innocence, he may be
treated accordingly.

26 The Declarations of Cumi-
-ma haig and Ramakryan
Moyommundar and Syed Ameen
are only confessions of
the money they received
in this business, and tend
to prove the accuracy
of the accounts+ and Decla-
-rations of the Conscirs
recommitted to your
Board by Mr. Sanders

30 [illegible]
2 20 Dec. 99.

By referring to the
Declaration of Sumber
Mow and Ahea Nahens
referred to in the Margin
of thereof, in proof of what
he asserts relative to the
fabrication of the Genea-
-logical table by Pursse
Pitty at Tombert a copy of
which he himself ordered
to be sent to the [illegible] here
in Captn. Gibbs going to
Mamsh[illegible] your

Ques	Pass
23	5
24	6
26	1
30	2
53	1
54	2
55	2
69	1

under Memorandum
Tyson's 1st Declaration
in the proceedings

the Sea Chest attached Man

Board will be fully informed on that subject - but as the Pages of Papers found in the Sea Chest brought as ne- -stead in the Magazin. throw additional light on this unhonorable conduct of Burns a [illegible] I beg also to refer you thereto - a Journal of Instructions will accounts to your Board for the similarity between the Journalistical Table sent to you by Mr Jackson and the one obtained by Capt Gabb, aforesaid from the [illegible] ~~and others~~ - that it would appear all information on this subject was given by Some as on this [illegible] from a memorandum of the Table received from the accused - and was only afterwards admitted to by the Said [illegible] who signed it

Had the table contain-
ed the name had been ad-
vertised, a copy would
not have been necessary
to send to the owner having
also
had not, been such, and
had the evidence been
perfectly in accordance
to the Genealogy. They
would probably have made
out a very different one
to that made at the annual
the defect of which would by
~~and~~ that difference ~~would~~
been
have, exposed ~~the defect~~
but as Prince a baby had
not yet received the birth
of his [illegible], he was
more particularly anxious
to have the Evidence given
to Caleb Gupple again
with what he had sworn
to his Master—

8 Y 25 In addition to the evi-
-dence before transmitted
to your Board by Mr [illegible]
relative to the money

given to Syed Ummer
Caddy Sahib in ~~[illegible]~~
and others — the Decla-
-ration of Meer Sundy
Petty and Declaration
of Comer Alavee
These are all I have
been able to obtain —
but I shall now remark
separately on the evidence
brought forward against
~~all~~ each person who sepa-
-rately who has been
concerned in receiving
any presents on ac-
-count of the execution
of Buttons a · being

The Papers referred to
in the Margin afford
abundant proof of
the money given to this
woman ~~and~~ as it would
appear to induce her
to ~~further~~ support the cause
of ~~Buttons a~~ the Sura[illegible] Son
~~being~~
and there is to [illegible]

[illegible] Mr Gaspers' ~~[illegible]~~ Lucky woman
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I.K.U.L.Y in Jum-
-ma [illegible] which accounts Declara-
-tions of Shaikh Petty — Syllegar
Pomaul Petty & Somasunta-
-se Moodaly — as also Syed
Ummer's Declaration trans-
-mitted to the Board by Mr
Saunders 20th Nov.r a Declaration

[illegible]
of Bram a Sawmy [illegible]
and Depositions of C[illegible]
[illegible]
Delagos Shangar - more
transmitted
Taken found in the
Sea Naig's house —

Page	Para
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reason to suppose that
~~this woman~~ she was the author
of the information given
to her by Kate Ummarl
being with held, and that
given by Sawmy being
tendons being mutilated —

The Deposition of Kate-
-Ummarl and many
of the Huntoon cows
evidently prove that she
very ~~repeated~~ fully to Cobb
yet the woman, the cruelty
with which the Sea Naig
had treated her and all
the old Oolegar's family
that she stated and the ruin of bring
Naig to the Pettam —
the Sea Naig's people
however asserted that she
was mad, and that her word
would not to trust [illegible]
improbable as this was
(for no one out of her senses
would have told so plain
a story) I suppose it was
considered true; for the
information she gave
before was more —

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Transmitted
with Mr Searle's letter
30 Decr of last

transmitted - and tho'
it was written in
Malabars - it appears
by Syed Ameen's trans=
=lation that Captn
Gabb's woman made
him tear it -

289 By perusing the Depo=
=sitions of the Widows
which I herewith transmit
your Board will see that
the evidence they are said
to have before ~~transmitted~~ given
to Captn Gabb, "in the ac=
=count of circumstances
related by them" is not
only a mutilation; but in
many respects a total
reverse of what they now
declare to have asserted
at that time — and as

all information came
through Captn Gabb's woman
to them - the commission
of this act cannot be attributed
to her —

28 30 Conceiving that any com=
=ment from me on the conduct of
this woman, or any opinion
as to whether the acts she
appears to have been
guilty of were committed
with the knowledge

of Captn. Gatch; would be
a deviation from my line
=ance I shall refrain
therefrom — concluding
that Government will
call on that Gentleman
for a Declaration of what he
knows — on the subject — in such way
as they be and Notes the general
26 Jt By the relation to questions
as had by Captn. Gatch etc
certainly adhearing that
no money was directly given, ~~immediately~~ into
his hands — but the obtain
the Proclamations for Revo=
=lution against the Govern
of the Sea King — and that
previous to issuing the De-
=clarations — the Com-
=mencement and other declara
~~the contents thereof~~ to be true
but that Few of the Sea
being presented there as
setting the forming and
induced them to ~~[illegible]~~ declare of
~~the truth of~~ the Latter
to be true
That this man certainly
wants much information
to the Collector, relative

Signed Amzan ——
his own Declaration ——
the letters A. X. D. E. C
F. W. B in [illegible]

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In Accounts & Deposition
of Stephen Dilly [illegible]
Vincent Dilly & [illegible]
[illegible] transmitted by
Mr Hunter 30th Nov 88
the same letter in Deposition
of Tomas Alegos [illegible]
and Declaration of [illegible]
[illegible] Saving Dilly in the ac-
companying Proceedings
[illegible] found in the
Serra Nava's house

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vide [illegible]

vide his Declaration
in accompanying
Proceedings

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to the Baron of Bagora
being to the bottom and
which at the same time
condemned the infamous
conduct of the Serra Nava
in many instances yet
he certainly did not com-
municate all he knew,
or does he seem to have
exerted himself in doing
his duty, to ascertain the
truth & motives of the
Serra Nava's conduct - the
ordered the whole
Baron of Bagora have, had
the crimes then committed by the
Such things he would not have been ignorant
of - and it was his duty
to have convinced Capt
[illegible] - even if the
Collector would not attend
to what he wrote - instead
of which he seems merely
to have obeyed orders and
no more - as he only became
the people of the [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] - but the
[illegible] to same were
entirely [illegible]

with him more than any other

cause — The Cutcheri notes in the Bazar are a sufficient proof of the money he received and of the ~~wafaa~~ barenchob his con=duct in other instances

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William Wheatley & Sunitha Row

The Examination of the former of these two persons shews that he not only received money from the Vackeels of Rammisthwing during the contests but ~~even~~ since ~~[illegible]~~ that he has been in the service of the present Collector of Ramnad — to whom ~~th~~ at his own he gave a solemn assurance of never having received any presents whatever in his time — The Collector accordingly sent him to ~~me~~ with the letter, copy of which is subjoined to his examination, ~~as also~~ along with his own letters to me, with my remarks thereon. ~~Above~~ He is most probably the receiver of any sum stated in Sunitha Row's Declara=tions On the confronted

16 at the time the witness has he would only acknowledge having received ~~more~~ forty Pagodas, and ~~his the through the hr~~ ~~the he~~ — ~~and through the~~ which sum he had told Mr Lushington ~~time~~ & said he - tile follows, says that he has no recollections of one hundred Pagodas said to have been given him, the particular times mentioned by Lieut. Moore and Hodges, leaves little doubt as to the fact — The idea of receiving the money on account of Patrons or Dubashes he translated for the particular stood to be inadmissible — because the letters being to the Collector and brought to his Cutcherry it was till ... Whalley Duty to translate them — and for a faithful discharge of that duty, the ~~[illegible]~~ very handsome pay he received was certainly an adequate reward

Evid. Examination

that he was therefore
not only guilty of a
breach of his public duty
by receiving the money, but
also of base conduct in
endeavouring to deceive
Mr Livingston as to the
amount that was given
him — and not to punish
him equally with others
who have concerned in this
business would be injustice
to all —

32.

Sam the Cow — This man having confessed
to Mr Collector Livingston
informing that he received
money from the Palembang
Vakeels at the Period of
the contested succession,
was dismissed that gen-
tleman's service, and de-
livered over to me ~~by him~~,
~~and~~ On confronting ~~tim~~ him
with the witnesses he con-
fessed having received
the amount mentioned
in his own declaration
a reference to which and

Vide Proceedings

vide ~~[illegible]~~

vide Pages 4-10-12-36.66
93-94.101 — of Papers found
in the Sea Bramins house

vide 53 Para of
Shoha Pillay's decla-
=ration transmitted
2d Decr 1799

vide Shoha Pillay's
declaration annexed
to the proceedings

Runga Pillah.

the Dubash noticed in
the Bramin's ~~[illegible]~~ will
fully shew the iniquity
of this ~~man's~~ conduct.
For the rest on enquiry
it appears that the
Arzee said to have been
written by him in the Sea
Bramins name, was actually
written by Runga Pillay's
order, ~~to throw that gal~~
as from the three convened
at this unpardonable ar[t]
which certainly had the
effect of completely deceiving
the Collector, I consider
him heinously culpable
therefor — as well as for
giving a copy of the Genea-
=logical Table written as
Mammad, to Shoha Pillay
who he knew was going
with it to the Sea Bramin

33 on receipt of the orders
of your Board conveyed
to me in Mr Dell's letter
[illegible] letter to the

12 Mos. I cleared my pro-
memory into this man's
conduct — His ill health
prevents but never, but
it deprives me of an op-
portunity of shewing
to your Board the complete
villainy of Dubuch in-
trigue — which had he been
sent to me, I feel convinced
it would have been in my
power to have done, and should
not a perusal of the papers
noticed in the margin
be considered sufficient proof of his
abominable and unbecoming
behaviour — I beg leave to in-
trude a wish that he be
sent up to me so soon as
well enough to travel.

Papers bound in the
Sea Kings Prince —
Pages 11. 67. 81. 29. 23. 32. 54.
& 66. 84. 85 —

The [illegible] noticed in the
margin fully proves the
~~manufacture~~ fabrication of the Genea-
logical table, sent to your
Board by the Sea Collector
of Mannar by Tanga Petty at London
~~Tanga Petty~~ a copy of which [illegible]

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Vide Para's 33. 34. 35. 36
& 37 — of John Petty's declaration
and 19th of Thomas Petty's trans-
mitted by Mr. Sanders 26th
December and Declaration
of Saminathan Thomas
Petty — and [illegible]

Dyer annexed to the
proceeding — and Nos
23-24-26-38-53-54
55 & 69 - of Putnam
in the Ira Irving house (38
37
& I now will account to your
Board for the similarity
between the Genealogical
table sent forwarded by
Mr. Jackson and the one
obtained by Capt. Gibbs ~~[illegible]~~
from the Putnam cause
is said, though it appears
all information on this
subject was given by
Loomis in their ~~Moody~~ to him
from a memorandum of
the table received from him
-rad, and was only after
-wards attested to by the
people who signed it —

See Memorandum
Dyers 1st Declaration

~~to Dyer's letter &~~
& Howards ordered to be
sent by Sheldon Ashley to
the Ira King for his guidance & satis
= faction it may certainly
be called - for the Father
when first questioned
on the subject evidently
replied that he ~~was~~ was
ignorant of the Genealogy
of the family and offered
to write for information,
to which Thomas Ashley also
would not assent, but ordered
him to state what he knew, ~~etc~~
in writing at the same time
that with me nothing out
the Genealogy. But an Enquiry
was made to ask him as
the nearest relation to the
deceased being, that he
would not give the Putnam
and that until the it was
immediately done the houses
would not be sweet but —
36 The much most glowing
~~community~~ commonwealth

Vide — 53d Para of John
Dily's declaration — trans-
-mitted by Mr Alexander 20th
Decr — and Declarations of
Syed Ameer and [illegible]
those annexed to the Pro-
-ceedings — and ~~why~~ translation of
the Arzee written by the
Vackeel — among sundry
Papers referred to

8 Arms and Daggers given
to this man — Mr Dacres returns
too sufficiently prove the cri-
-minality of his conduct in
other respects, and renders any
remarks ~~[illegible]~~ from me — therein
unnecessary

Mr James Balfour

38 [38]

[bn] this man is his own
the [illegible] hand, after the whole
of the ~~two~~ bundle sent to
Moorshedabad in a cargo
was transmitted by Syed Ameer,
to write an Arzee to the Coll-
-ector contradicting every
thing therein written, which
evidently had the desired effect

[39] Such Extracts of the Papers
and Ollahs found in the
Sea Haly's house — relate
to Gunga Doby Have now
read over to the two moonshies
wrote them, and they posi-
-tively declare every thing
stated to be true, but say that
such Extracts as relate to his
demand for money monney — are some-
-what exaggerated — as I have
before remarked on the
Copy translation of
Syed Ameer's second De-
-claration having been
forwarded to me with the
Secretary to Government's
letter appointing Mr
Ceremony and myself
a Committee to enquire

[illegible]
he Commissary. I
have thought it further
29 to make a distinct inquiry
into the circumstances
therein mentioned, the
proceedings of which are
herewith transmitted,
and to which I beg leave
to refer your Board, being
the evidences clear that
any comment from me
Reasons would be extraneous.

Cumaran Naig and 39 The Declarations of the
Strathyar late Regent people are only exhibitive
under ~~the~~ late ~~Zemindar~~ of the money they received
~~witness~~ Sayed Ameer from the Sera Naig [illegible]
the contested succession;
all tend to prove the
accuracy of the accounts
and information in the
Declarations before
transmitted to your
Board by Mr. Hurdis

Gunathathayan Pilly 40 This man was sent to me
by the Collector of Ramnad
his Declaration shews how
far he was concerned

[illegible] Sawyer's Ltrs
Mr. Balfour's Letter

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Balfour to the Sea King I
think it much wiser to include
with the Proceedings relating
that Gentleman—

in this—business—he com-
ly was induced by the pro-
-mises of the Sea Kings
People to hold his Tongue
and received a small muzzle
for so doing—I have sent him
back at the Collectors ~~requisition~~ requisition of the
who has had him in confinement
some ~~time~~ for embezzling brought out of
on the [illegible] found in the
Sea King's house could not
be regularly arranged as to
date—I have therefore
numbered the Papers and
attached to each only as
relate to particular per-
-sons and circumstances,
the original letters from Mr. Sawyer
Copies of the other originals and
of all Declarations in the
accompanying Proceedings
I shall have the honor to
transmit tomorrow some
parts of the former as in
the translations being
totally ~~[illegible]~~ irrelative to the
subject in question, such
parts however I have men-
-tioned in the attested copies
some papers also are en-
-tirely omitted for the

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ame reason:— they shall hereafter be forwarded if thought necessary— had I had any person to give me the least assistance in translating the voluminous papers I have now the honor to lay before your Board— every paper found in the Sera house's room at Bamaghurry should have accompanied this packet— I have been delayed many days in waiting the return by the messenger, who did not arrive till yesterday— his examination is annexed to the proceedings of an enquiry into the circumstances stated in the 2d Declaration of Syed Ameen— through all the money that is mentioned as taken by him passed through his hands, it is evident that the whole was for his master, & whose use it is

Have Sav my Hon (42)

Matchollam
26th May 1800

to have been absolu=ated ——— [illegible] detain them here till I recd the orders of your Board

May it please, Gentlemen, as much as probable from

Arduous and unpleasant as this task has been, especially as I was ~~the~~ alone ~~only person~~ deputed to make the enquiry, every exertion and impartiality was necessary on my part, in order that justice might be rendered to all parties. I can ~~not~~ only assure you Gentlemen that no means have been spared by me, to gain information on the subject — with what success you will be the best judges. — If I have digressed too much into Opinions or remarks in this communication I trust you will attri-

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-nate it to the welcome

an anxious desire to
shew to your Board
the nefarious conduct
of the Secretary and
those who ~~have been~~
were concerned in the
contested succession to
the total perversion of right
and justice — I have the honor
to be Gentlemen with
great respect your
very obedient
humble servant

28 May 1800
Moriarty —

1/11/77

9/18/82